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LaDonna Koebel joins Personnel Cabinet

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 31, 2016) - Secretary of Personnel Thomas B. Stephens has announced the appointment of LaDonna Koebel as the cabinet's Chief of Staff.

Ms. Koebel has 22 years of experience in the areas of employment law and civil rights litigation, with 11 years representing a state agency in the areas of administrative law, civil litigation, appellate work, legislative initiatives, policy development and administrative regulations.

Most recently, Koebel served as an acting commissioner and assistant general counsel to the Department of Juvenile Justice. Prior to working in state government, Koebel practiced law in both Lexington and London, Kentucky.

In addition to her legal experience, she has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Eastern Kentucky University since 1994. A native of Louisville, she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in liberal arts from Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro. She holds a Master of Science in criminal justice from Eastern Kentucky University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Kentucky.

"We are extremely pleased to have LaDonna joining us," Stephens said. "She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in state government operations and the legal realm."

As Chief of Staff, Koebel will perform investigations related to violations of the state employment system and KRS Chapter 18A, serve as a legislative affairs representative for the Personnel Cabinet, provide legal assistance to the Cabinet Secretary and to the Executive Director of the Office of Legal Services, and serve as a proxy to boards and commissions including the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board, Kentucky Employee Mutual Insurance, and the Kentucky Deferred Compensation Authority.